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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)

MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2019

Present: Valerie Yamada, Rita Manriquez, Molly Trihey, Scott Sagum, Milton Takara, Dr. Sara Farnham

Excused: Angie Enoka, Leilani Nutt, Lyna Burian, Stella Wong

Others: Tina Robertson, Queen's Medical Center (QMC); Dr. Matthew Koenig, QMC; Dr. Violet Horvath, Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC); Azure Ng, PDC; Allison Tsuchida University of Hawaii College of Education (UH COE); Ipo Kaihana, Support Guest; Patti Christian, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific (REHAB); Lydia Hardie, Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC)

DOH Staff: Chelsea Ko, Neurotrauma Supports; Michele Tong, Neurotrauma Supports

I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:45pm by Chair Scott Sagum. Quorum present.

II. **Approval of Minutes from the April 24, 2019 meeting** –

Board Member Molly Trihey motioned to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Sara Farnham seconded the motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of minutes being accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

III. **Review of Agenda** – No questions or discussions.

IV. **New Business:**

A. Sunshine Law:

DOH Staff Chelsea Ko conducted a presentation on the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 92-Sunshine Law. The purpose of the presentation was to familiarize board members with laws that protects the public's right to know about government process and as it relates to Neurotrauma Board meetings.

To learn more about the Sunshine Law, please contact Ms. Ko at (808) 733-2134.

B. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Awareness Month – September 2019:

Neurotrauma is asking Board Members for ideas on possible activities for September TBI and SCI Awareness month. An email will be sent out to Board Members for suggestions. Past activities included a partnership with AccesSurf. Currently, Neurotrauma is hoping to partner with community members to provide moped helmets and educate the public about moped helmet safety. Board Members suggested DOH seek companies that are willing to provide moped

helmets at a discount, because moped helmets are more expensive than bike helmets. More information will be provided at a later date.

PDC is planning a “Brain Train” Family Fair for TBI Awareness month. Once confirmed, location and time will be announced.

V. Old Business:

A. Project Head, Neck, Spine (PHNS) Update:

Six schools are currently utilizing the online HNS curriculum; four on Oahu and two on Maui. Data reflects a total participation of 7-instructors and 764-students, with an average summary score of 81.8% and module average scores above 80%, except for Module 2 at 73%. Pre-test average is 58.5% and post-test average is 76.9%.

A Honolulu high school teacher is using the curriculum for a summer P.E. program that has an enrollment of 60-students. The instructor has shared the curriculum with 3 other colleagues.

Project HNS will install a google format of the curriculum. Google classroom is widely accepted at DOE and teachers have found it easier to navigate than the original website format.

The upper-elementary (4-6th grade) curriculum is still going through the DOE approval process. Revisions have been made within the curriculum to reflect 4th grade reading and comprehension level.

HCAMP is currently looking for 4th and 5th grade teachers (public and private) to test the curriculum in their classrooms. Please contact HCAMP for more information.

B. Pacific Disabilities Center (PDC)/Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR) Update:

Per Dr. Horvath, HNTR is in its final year of the project, at which time all information collected will be handed over to DOH after contract expires.

PDC is shifting focus to neighbor islands, in terms of community outreach. So far, six trips are planned for Maui, with three scheduled for June and three more for August.

PDC would like to conduct monthly presentations at Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific about HNTR, for caregivers and patients. PDC has been invited to do a presentation at the next Head Injury Support Group.

HNTR Advisory Board will have its first meeting on July 8th. Members include representatives from Maui and Big Island. Currently, there are two vacancies for anyone interested in joining the Board.

The HNTR Information/Referral and Activities Report was disseminated during the meeting. Please see report for full details.

C. Hawaiian Islands Regional Stroke Network Final Report:

Dr. Matthew Koenig, Neurologist at QMC, provided the final report on the Tele-Stroke project. Grant funding for the project expired at the end of May. The following accomplishments were highlighted during the report:

- 8 spoke sites statewide, equipped with tele-medicine machines; consulted 1,251 patients (one-third transferred to QMC and remainder stayed in their community to be treated), administered tPA to 424 patients;
- Conducted statewide public and provider education re: recognizing stroke signs, treatment of patients within community, the importance of stroke care and quality care;
- Project helped saved an estimate \$19.1 million in direct medical expenses;
- Exceeded statewide treatment rate for tPA of 10%; year-to-date is 17.9%;
- Reached door-to-needle time goal at 93%;
- Developed business plan for spoke sites (hospitals) to self-sustain when funding ends; and
- Advocated to pass tele-medicine legislation regarding medicine reimbursement and insurance coverage laws.

Full details of the final report will be emailed to Board Members.

Per Dr. Koenig, a contract with DOH-Neurotrauma Special Funds is in the process to purchase CT based application tools called RAPID for all state/non-state hospitals. RAPID is used to determine what part of the brain is or is not salvageable; decisions can be made if a thrombectomy is necessary.

D. Brain Injury Association (BIA) of Hawaii Update:

No current update.

E. Legislative Update:

No current update.

F. Neighbor Island Activities:

Another Surfer's Myelopathy Class was just completed on Kauai. Per Chair Scott Sagum, Wilcox hospital started a new TBI support group, but no one attended. In order to gain new members and support, Wilcox have asked the BIG (Brain Injury Group) to consider joining in on the effort.

G. DOH Updates:

Neurotrauma staff member Curtis Inouye retired on May 31, 2019. DOH received the Transfer Training termination letter from REHAB. REHAB terminated the Transfer Training program because agreement could not be reached on how to deliver the caregiver education workshops.

VI. Announcements:

Hui Malama Po'o

TBI Support Group

2nd Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Wo Conference Room #4

VII. Next Meeting:

Date: August 30, 2019

Location: Kalanimoku VCC and Neighbor Island Sites

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 pm